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SUBJECT: MEXICO - NARCOTICS CONTROL PROGRAM -
TELECOMMUNICATIONS

REF: (A) MEXICO TELECOMMUNICATIONS SURVEY REPORT;
(B) STATE 089206; (C) STATE 066119

1. AS DISCUSSED DURING ALEXANDER RECENT VISIT S/NM
WOULD LIKE PAUL KATZ TO VISIT MEXICO CITY FROM MAY 30
THRU JUNE 7; IF YOU CONCUR.

2. BASED ON OUR STUDY OF REF (A) REPORT AND DISCUSSIONS
WITH NAU TELECOMMUNICATIONS ADVISOR, JOHN LEE, DEPARTMENT
HAS DEVELOPED FOLLOWING SCOPE OF WORK FOR KATZ TDY.
(A) REVIEW NECESSARY INTERFACE AND PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS
AND RECOMMEND SYSTEM DESIGN APPROACH WHICH COMPATIBLE WITH
COUNTRY'S IMMEDIATE NEEDS AND CAPABILITIES AND ENSURE
SYSTEM FLEXIBILITY RESPOND FUTURE EXPANSION WITHOUT
INTRODUCING SYSTEM DEGRADATION OR NECESSITATE COSTLY
MODIFICATION OR REDESIGN. THIS REGARD LEE ADVISED OF
FOLLOWING: (1) NEED FOR ADDITIONAL VHF FREQUENCIES
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PREVENT CHANNEL OVERLOADING, ALLOW ESTABLISHMENT
SEPARATE ADMINISTRATIVE AND TACTICAL NETS AND PROVIDE
ADDITIONAL CHANNELS FUTURE EXPANSION. (2) TRANSMISSION
DELAY PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH ID FEATURE WHICH WOULD
REQUIRE MODIFICATION OR CHANGING OUT EXISTING VHF
EQUIPMENT IN MEXICO CITY AREA. (3) OBTAIN FROM GOMROR MANUFACTURER
VHF PROPAGATION STUDIES ON PROPOSED

REPEATER SITES TO ASSURE OPTIMUM COVERAGE AND IDENTIFY SHADED AREAS. (4) OBTAIN TECHNICAL INFORMATION ON AG LEASED TELEPHONE LINES SUCH AS BANDWIDTH, 2 WIRE OR 4 WIRE LINES, RING-DOWN FREQUENCY AND WHAT EQUIPMENT USED BY GOM ON HIGH SIDE OF TELEPHONE BAND WHICH PREVENTS USAGE OF FREQUENCIES OVER 2400 HZ. (IF COMPUTER TERMINAL NEED BAUD RATE,), INFORMATION REQUIRED

DETERMINE FEASIBILITY UTILIZE MULTIPLEX EQUIPMENT ON AG LEASED TELEPHONE LINES FOR DEDICATED SECURE TELEPRINTER CIRCUITS PRIORITY AREAS EXPEDITE FLOW OF NARCOTICS INFORMATION. (5) DETERMINE DESIRABILITY ESTABLISH SEPARATE HF/SSB TRANSMITTER AND RECEIVER FACILITIES. (6) QUESTION NEED FOR ID FEATURES AT COM CENTER WHEN CONTROL OF AGENTS PRIMARILY FROM AG HEADQUARTERS SVILARLY NEED FOR INFORMATIONAL DISPLAY SYSTEM WHICH PROPOSED SUPPORT AIR OPERATIONS.

(B) PROVIDE DEFINITIVE INFORMATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO TYPES AND QUANTITIES OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT PROPOSED IN REF (A) IN DIRECT RELATION TO COUNTRY'S SPECIFICFEDS AND DEGREE IT WOULD ENHANCE NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS. OF PARTICULAR CONCERN IS; (1) THE LACK OF JUSTIFICATION FOR LARGE NUMBER OF FACSIMILE UNITS PROPOSED; (2) THE LARGE NUMBER OF VHF HAND-HELD TRANSCEIVERS PROPOSED IN COMPARISON TO THE NUMBER OF AG AGENTS AND PLANS TO ALLOCATE THESE UNCLASSIFIED

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TRANSCEIVERS TO INDIVIDUAL AG OFFICERS RATHER THAN OPERATING UNITS WHERE SMALLER NUMBER OF RADIOS WOULD SUFFICE AND COULD BE DISTRIBUTED AS OPERATIONAL NEEDS DICTATE; (3) LARGE NUMBER OF HF/SSB MANPACKS IN COUNTRY AND SMALL NUMBER PRESENTLY ASSIGNED SUPPORT FORCES WHICH RAISES QUESTIONS ON PRIORITY AND QUANTITIES OF SIMILAR EQUIPMENT PROPOSED REF (A) FOR SUPPORT FORCES.

3. PROPOSE KATZ VISIT CULICAN AS ABSOLUTE MINIMUM FIELD TRIP TO OBSERVE AG NARCOTICS OPERATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES.

4. EMBASSY REQUESTED PROVIDE TRANSLATOR SERVICE AND ARRANGE FOR MEETINGS WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS. VANCE

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